



Docket No.: 050212-0589

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Eisuke SASAOKA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8219
Application No.: 10/821,190	:	Group Art Unit: 2883
Filed: April 09, 2004	:	Examiner: M. El Shammaa

For: A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE AND AN OPTICAL TRANSMISSION LINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, the Examiner imposed a requirement for an election of Species, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §121, requiring election of either:

Species A. Directed to claims 1 through 7;

Species B. Directed to claims 8 through 10, or

Species C. Directed to claim 11.

In response Applicants elect to prosecute Species A, with claims 1 through 7 readable thereon. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 7 is solicited.

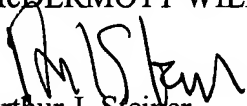
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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